

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 2:35 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Nitz, Meekhof, Agema.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Ball.

The Chair welcomed Representative Agema as a member of the Agriculture Committee.

Representative Brown made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Sheltroun made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid HB 4704 before the Committee for the purpose of hearing testimony.

HB 4704 Byrnes State; symbol; apple cider; establish as official state beverage.

Representative Byrnes and the Committee welcomed Richard Koziski on behalf of the Dexter Cider Mill. Mr. Koziski spoke to the Committee in support of HB 4704 and reviewed the history and process of producing cider and answered questions. Bob Trenton, Michigan State University Staff Horticulturist, also answered questions.

Committee members also viewed a short video presentation prepared by a group of students regarding apple cider and the Dexter Cider Mill.

Denise Yockey, representing the Michigan Apple Committee, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 4704.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:10 p.m.

Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

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